

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 4, 2007**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson and Vice President John L. Knochel. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange. Absent was: Ruth E. Shedd.

President Benson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the May 21, 2007 meeting, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

***ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval for accounts payable vouchers for May 22, 24, 25, 31, June 1 and 4.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

***PETITION FOR PARTIAL VACATION OF THE WILSON BRANCH OF THE S.W. ELLIOTT REGULATED DRAIN TO THE TREECE MEADOWS RELIEF DRAIN EASEMENT***

Dan Teder with Reiling Teder & Shrier LLC, spoke on behalf of the petitioner. The petition is for Cascada Professional Park located on McCarty Lane. He added that this petition has been approved by the drainage board subject to a maintenance agreement. He noted that the petitioner is requesting Phase III be rezoned from GB to R1B. With approval, Greg Milakis intends to build 86 single family homes in one subdivision which will be located between the two new hospitals in that area.

Proofs of publication have been submitted to the Auditor's office by the Dan Teder.

Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2007-21-CM, second by Commissioner Benson;

Audior Weston recorded the vote:

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| Benson  | Yes |
| Knochel | Yes |

Ordinance 2007-21-CM passes 2-0.

***HIGHWAY- Mike Spencer*****Bids for 2007 Culvert Replacement Project**

Attorney Luhman noted that four bids were received and read as follows:

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| <b><u>Atlas Excavating</u></b>       | <b><u>Milestone</u></b>             |
| \$2,169,210.00                       | \$1,805,235.45                      |
| <b><u>Jack Isom Construction</u></b> | <b><u>Fairfield Contractors</u></b> |
| \$2,019,413.60                       | \$1,701,378.00                      |

Attorney Luhman recommended these bids be taken under advisement for review and compliance with the bid specifications.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take these bids under advisement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**Bids for Bridge #152**

Attorney Dave Luhman noted that one bid was received and read as follows:

**Jack Isom Construction**  
\$799,832.84

Attorney Luhman suggested that this bid be taken under advisement for review and compliance with the bid specifications.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take the bid for Bridge #152 under advisement, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Assistant Director Spencer presented Supplemental Agreement #3 and #4. He noted that #3 is for Permit Applications on Bridge #20 with DLZ on Concord Road for \$7,200. He added that Supplemental Agreement #4 for Bridge #91 on CR 125 N is for additional permitting in the amount of \$2,200.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve supplemental agreements #3 and #4 as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A 3-Year Utility Maintenance Bond with Turnkey Network Solutions was presented for approval. Assistant Director Spencer noted that this bond would allow Turnkey to run fiber optic cable across various roads in Tippecanoe County.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the utility maintenance bond as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

A Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way Engineering Service Agreements were presented for approval for Yeager Road from Crossroad Engineer, PC. Assistant Director Spencer noted that the contractor intends to work with the City of West Lafayette to realign the road which includes the subdivision with additional right-of-way and drainage.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the Preliminary Engineering and Right-of-Way Engineering Service Agreements as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Engineering Service Agreements were presented from Strand and Associates, Inc. for preliminary work on Lindberg Road and Klondike Road.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the engineering service agreements as presented from Strand and Associates, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

### ***HEALTH – Ron Cripe***

Health Officer Ron Cripe requested the Revised Food Ordinance 2007-19-CM and Revised Fee Ordinance 2007-20-CM be heard on second reading. He added that the Health Department has not received any feedback since the first reading regarding these ordinances.

Commissioner Knochel moved to hear and approve on second reading Ordinance 2007-19-CM and Ordinance 2007-20-CM, second by Commissioner Benson.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote for Ordinance 2007-19-CM:

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| Benson  | Yes |
| Knochel | Yes |

Ordinance 2007-19-CM passes 2-0 on second reading.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote for Ordinance 2007-20-CM:

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| Benson  | Yes |
| Knochel | Yes |

Ordinance 2007-20-CM passes 2-0 on second reading.

### ***PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – Laurie Wilson***

Laurie Wilson presented contracts for professional services. She stated that the contracts are for appraisals of the flood buyout properties.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the professional services agreement for Don R. Scheidt and Co., second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.
- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the professional services agreement for KMPM, LLC, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

### ***GRANTS – Laurie Wilson***

Grant Coordinator Laurie Wilson requested permission to apply for the following grants:

- Youth Services Grant for high risk youth, offender re-entry and family strengthening initiatives. The grant award may vary from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 with no matching funds required.
- Traffic Safety Grant will fund blood draws used by law enforcement officers to determine if drivers are impaired. The grant request amount is \$16,000.
- Substance Abuse Grant for Superior Court 3 will foster innovations and advancements in the juvenile justice system. The grant amount ranges from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 with no matching funds required.
- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the grant applications as stated, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### ***ASSESSORS – Samantha Steele***

County Assessor Samantha Steele requested additional office space. She added that additional duties will be required of the county assessor by the state and expansion of the office is inevitable. Assessor Steele suggested new office furniture would offer enough space to meet the requirements of her growing staff. Commissioner Benson requested an organization chart of the county assessor's staff in order to determine needs in her office.

#### ***APPOINTMENT OF ZONING OFFICER***

Commissioner Benson noted that the previous Zoning Enforcement Officer Al Levy retired. She added that it is essential that the county replace the officer to manage the zoning enforcement duties for the county.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint the Building Permits Department Head to serve as Zoning Enforcement Officer, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

#### ***APPOINTMENTS TO COMMON WAGE BOARD***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to appoint Dave Lahr to the common wage board for the project as stated, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.
- Dave Lahr - City of Lafayette and Purdue University

#### ***UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS***

Commissioner Benson stated GnA Assessment Professionals has requested an office space in the county building to better assist township assessors in trending. Commissioner Benson noted that the office vacated by the Zoning Officer is available and the commissioners have agreed to lease the space. Attorney Luhman prepared a contract which would allow GnA to rent on a monthly basis as long as proof of insurance was provided.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the lease agreement between GnA Assessment Professionals and Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners as presented, second by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

**REPORTS ON FILE**

Weights and Measures  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Mail and Duplicating  
 Treasurer  
 Parks and Recreation

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Georgia Jones, Chief Deputy in the County Assessor's office, questioned the lease agreement between GNA Assessment Professionals and Tippecanoe County Board of Commissioners. She added that leasing space to a county assessor vendor without their knowledge was unjust, particularly when the county assessor is requesting additional space for staffing and is intending to maintain the vendor in the space as well.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to adjourn.

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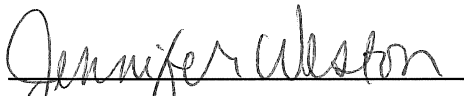
KD Benson, President



John L. Knochel, Vice President



Ruth E. Shedd, Member

**ATTEST:**


Jennifer Weston, Auditor